THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE RAMESH RANG-ANATHAN

WRIT PETITION No.18869 OF 2003

Date: 5-7-2006

Between:

Syed Iftekar Ahmed @ Ashwak … Petitioner

And

1.The Joint Collector, Krishna at Machilipatnam
and 2 others … Respondents

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ORAL ORDER:

Questioning the action of the respondents 2 and 3 in seizing white kerosene of an extent of 11,445 liters and rejecting the petitioner's request for release of the said stock, the present writ petition has been filed.

This Court by order in W.P.M.P.23583 of 2003 dated 5.9.2003 directed release of the stock seized under the panchanama dated 3.8.2003 subject to the condition that the petitioner furnishes bank guarantee for half of the value of the stock seized. It is not clear as to whether the enquiry initiated under Section 6A of the Essential Commodities Act has been completed as yet.

Therefore, the writ petition is disposed of with a direction that the respondents shall complete the enquiry under Section 6A of the Essential Commodities Act, if not already completed, within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a copy of the order. The petitioner shall keep the bank guarantee alive till final orders are passed by the competent authority pursuant to the enquiry under Section 6-A of the Essential Commodities Act. No order as to costs.

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